

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn

Their Own Money

Big Industry

Political Pawn

The mails are badly handicapped by the Missouri Pacific railroad strike but as I planned down at one of the letters I was putting in the post office last night I had to laugh. It was a quarterly income tax payment going to the collector of internal revenue — and if all the rest of America's mail gets lost or delayed there's one letter that will get through.

I can remember the men of my father's generation denouncing installment buying of automobiles as something that would bankrupt America. But today the giant motor car industry uses 20 per cent of the nation's steel; 22 per cent of our rubber; 10 per cent of our lead; 18 per cent of our copper; and 10 per cent of our cotton. The infant industry of 40 years ago, instead of bankrupting America, has become so important that if its production happened to be cut it would throw a panic into five basic industries of the nation.

You read on this page yesterday a Washington dispatch reporting that an administration offer to compromise on the China aid question — the Republicans claiming that the offer is too small and a "phony."

Senator Connally, Democratic leader, snapped back that the GOP group had better take what was offered — for President Truman himself has proposed to give nothing at all to China.

The administration, it seems to me, is correct in this matter and the Republicans are guilty of prosecuting the China aid question for no other reason than to embarrass the party in power. I say this in all fairness, for while the Truman administration is extravagant and irresponsible, it does have a sharp appreciation of what America can do to check communism in Europe — and how little we can do in the same case in continental Asia.

Our aid is worthless unless tied to a responsible and stable government, of which there are several in Europe — but none on the continent of Asia.

We do have a bulwark in U. S. occupied Japan — and that's all for the present.

3 More Local Men Join Airforce

Sergeant P. C. Warren G. Short arrived at air force recruiting in charge of the Hope station today announced the enlistment of three more men from this area. The enlistments included two brothers, both with previous service in the army and navy. They were Lloyd G. and Douglas Weems, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Weems, Route 1, Emmet, Ark. The other young man enlisted was Albert J. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, Route 1, Emmet, Ark. All were enlisted the 31st of August, and their enlistments brought the Hope station to the highest level reached in over two and one half years. This record has been achieved by only one recruiter where the station was authorized two men the two preceding years.

Corporal Weems, Private Weems and Recruit Brown have been transferred to Camp Chaffee, Ark. for either basic training or processing and assignment in the case of the two veterans. Corporal and Private Weems have both volunteered for duty with the Far Eastern Command. They will be transferred to this area as soon as their indoctrination is completed. Recruit Brown will receive an assignment to the regular army after completion of the basic course. Here he will receive on-the-job training in one of the 35 career fields now open to enlistees.

All three young men were enlisted at the army and air force recruiting main station in Texarkana. Sergeant Short took occasion to inform all men in this area that they might be interested in an enlistment in the army or air force to report into his office in the City Hall. All men reporting direct to the main station in Texarkana will be given the following mail-truck runs:

Trucks Take Over Daily Mail Runs

Hope Postoffice, hampered by the Missouri Pacific railway strike, today announced the department would make the following mail-truck runs:

First truck leaves Little Rock at 8 a.m., due in Hope at 8 a.m. and arrives in Texarkana at 9 a.m.

On the return trip it is due in Hope at 11:20 a.m. and Little Rock at 4:30 p.m.

Truck No. 2 due in Hope at 11 a.m. and on return trip arrives here at 5 p. m. en route to Little Rock.

Robert Wilson, postmaster, urged local persons to place mail in the postoffice as early as possible during the day and to take advantage of air mail and special delivery.

Mail on the Frisco, Kansas City Southern and to Washington and Nashville will be handled as usual.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Fair this afternoon and tonight. Variable in northern portion tonight. Sunday increasing cloudiness and warmer. Scattered showers in west portion.

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Two Charged With Arkansas Kidnaping

Little Rock, Sept. 10 —(AP)—Two white brothers have been arrested on charges of kidnaping a Negro farmer, beating him and forcing him to work because he couldn't repay a \$20 loan.

The brothers, Frank and Chester Brown, both about 40, were picked up by federal agents yesterday in a cotton field near their home in Herndon, Mo. They were indicted by a federal grand jury in Little Rock Tuesday.

Federal District Attorney James T. Gooch said a federal grand jury charged the men with kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap Robert Lee, plantation worker. Conviction of the former charge carries a possible death penalty.

The Browns were arranged in Cape Girardeau, Mo., yesterday and freed on \$10,000 bonds each. They may be tried in Jonesboro, Ark., in November.

In Washington, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath said the department of justice is considering a further charge of peonage against the Browns. That action would have to be brought in Missouri.

Gooch said Talley told this story to federal authorities:

He, his wife and four children had worked for the Browns in Missouri earlier this summer. On Aug. 22, the Talley family moved to Osceola, in northeast Arkansas.

About midnight, Aug. 20, the Browns appeared at Talley's house and demanded \$20 they had advanced him to buy groceries.

When the Negro said he couldn't pay, the Browns, at gun point, forced him into their car. Talley's wife refused to accompany them. Talley's house and goods were loaded on a truck and taken away.

Near the Arkansas-Missouri state line, Talley was beaten into unconsciousness. When he recovered, he had reached the Browns' farm. He was told to be in the fields by daylight.

He worked that day, but managed to get away at turn home and reported the matter to authorities.

Fact-Finders to Study Steel Dispute

Washington, Sept. 10 —(AP)—President Truman's three-man fact-finding board today filed its recommendations for settling the crucial steel dispute with Mr. Truman.

Contents of the board's report were kept secret but the White House promised to make them available for publication at 5:00 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time), today.

The President had expressed hope in advance that the findings would become the basis for an agreement to head off an industry-clogging steel workers' strike due next week.

The report had added importance because industry and labor alike look for any steel settlement to become a guide in other industries facing fights over a fourth round of postwar wage increases.

The recommendations were kept secret. However, reports circulated among the parties in advance that they called for no wage increase, but approximately 10 cents a hour for each worker in pension and insurance benefits.

The CIO steelworkers union had asked a 30-cent increase including 12.5 cents in added wages an hour, 11.25 for pensions, and 6.25 for insurance. The union's million members now get an average of about \$1.61 an hour.

Thus a recommendation for a 10-cent settlement would be a third of what the union asked. The steel industry has been fairly opposed to granting any general wage increase or pension plan now. Denial of a general pay boost would likely become a heavy hurdle toward higher wages in other industries.

Whatever the board recommends is not binding on either the steel industry or the union. Either side can accept or reject — according to terms of the 60-day truce President Truman arranged last July to avert a strike and let the board sift claims on both sides.

Members of the board declined to comment in advance on the reports it would recommend an approval of 10-cent hourly increase for workers in pension and insurance benefits.

The members are Prof. Carroll R. Daugherty, former New York state judge Samuel L. Rosenman, and David L. Cole, Paterson, N. J., attorney.

President Truman has indicated he may ask an extension of the truce to give the steel companies and the union time for bargaining on the board's recommendations. The new strike deadline is set for just after midnight Tuesday.

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No Sign of Settlement in MP Strike

St. Louis, Sept. 10 —(AP)—The Missouri Pacific railroad's floundering system was virtually out of business today, with 3,000 trainmen on strike and more than 20,000 other employees laid off.

Other railroads and bus and truck companies struggled to move the 12,000 passengers and 250,000 tons of freight that the "Mo Pac" — the country's ninth largest rail system — carries daily in its 10 state territory.

The strike began at 3 p. m. (EST) yesterday as engineers, firemen, conductors and other trainmen left their posts in a dispute over interpretation of operating rules. However, those trains still rolling when the strike deadline came finished their runs. Others had stopped earlier.

As the strike began, there was a sign of a compromise move by either the railroad or the labor unions involved. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors.

Paul J. Neff, chief operating officer of the line, who called the strike "one of the most unjustifiable in American railroad history," repeated that he is ready to let arbitrators settle the issues in dispute.

R. E. Davidson, assistant grand chief of the locomotive engineers, speaking for the brotherhoods, said arbitration "wouldn't end the strike. The union's stand is that the issue in dispute are not subject to arbitration."

Davidson said the brotherhoods are ready to resume negotiations with the carrier at any time, but the strike will continue meanwhile.

The cause of the strike is that the road and the unions, after years of negotiations, still can't agree on how certain operating rules for the men shall be interpreted. The unions have submitted 282 claims for their members, based on their interpretation. These involve about \$3,000,000 the railroad would have to pay if it agreed to the claims, which it doesn't.

It was estimated that only about 2,000 of the railroad's 27,000 employees remained on the job today. They are to handle administrative details that, strike or no strike, require attention.

Truck Driver Kidnaps a Child

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 10 —(UP)—Dozens of neighbors joined police today searching for the pretty, blonde 5-year-old daughter of a truck driver who was kidnapped from in front of her home.

Lt. John Minder of the city police said a 13-state alarm had been sounded for the child, Janie Franz, and her abductor, described by witnesses as a swarthy, white man, about 30-years-old.

Some 22 city police, four firemen and dozens of neighbors searched all night along the banks of the Delaware river, fearing the child may have been kidnapped by a sex maniac, then killed and her body concealed.

The blue-eyed child was kidnapped shortly before dinner time last night in full view of her playmates and neighbors, police said.

Lt. Minder said police did not believe the kidnapping was for ransom, since the child's father, John Franz, 33, is a truck driver of only moderate means.

The grief-stricken parents, the mother near collapse, could offer no clue to the identity of the kidnapper.

Janie had been playing in the street before the Franz home on the edge of Trenton's business district with two friends, Thomas Marshall, 11, and Grace Zoltnitz, 5.

The children told police a strange 10-years-old and called to the dimpled Janie. When she went over to the car, they said, the stranger forced her inside and sped away.

Another playmate, George Zelny, 5, told police that the occupant of the car called to her by name. He said the car headed toward the Pennsylvania state line.

Police believed the kidnapper may have taken the child across the Delaware river bridge to an isolated neighborhood where more than a dozen sex crimes have occurred in the past decade. Neighbors of the child searched this area thoroughly.

James Green, 25, a neighbor, was cleaning his automobile in the street nearby.

"I saw a man lift Janie into his car," Green told police. "But at the time I thought it was her father."

The father described Janie as a "quiet little girl who stayed away from people and especially from strangers." He was a loss to explain why she would have gone up to the car when called to by her abductor.

Agents of the federal bureau of investigation said they may take a hand in the case later today.

The mother, Mary, 30, is employed part-time in a chain grocery near the four-room, second floor apartment where the family lives. She was at work at the time of the kidnapping.

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Rev. Mrs. Cooper Leave Tuesday for Warren

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LONG WALK TO WORK—A Cincinnati, O., policeman gives directions to Mrs. Ida Ann, of Irving, Tenn., as she and her family prepare to walk to Flagstaff, Ariz., 1500 miles away. Mrs. Ann plans to work in Flagstaff selling papers. Left to right, are Janie, 8, Tommy, 2, Mrs. Ann, and Jimmy, 10.

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Judge Says Radar May Be the Answer

New Orleans, Sept. 10 —(UP)—The city vice squad today pondered a municipal judge's suggestion that they had better try radar if they can't get the goods on prostitution suspects by ordinary methods.

Judge Edwin A. Babylon offered the advice yesterday after he had to release 26 vice ring suspects for lack of evidence.

"I don't know too much about radar, but I understand by these modern means a policeman at the door in three minutes could detect an act of prostitution," the judge said. He kept a straight face while he said it.

It appeared to be a solemn judicial pronouncement, so navy electronics experts were consulted for a practical application of the suggestion. They weren't very encouraging.

"I don't think radar is sensitive to that kind of motivation," one officer commented.

But another officer thought that maybe radar-equipped patrol cars might help the vice squad locate a baguio in a French quarter fog.

After the problem arose when police, after a series of raids, had brought in 21 women and two men and charged them with loitering or "having no visible means of support."

The defendants all proved they were over 21 and had jobs in drug stores, restaurants or bars. The police had to admit that none had been caught in the act of prostitution, but merely in "recruiting houses of prostitution."

Judge Babylon hinted that the police ought to find a technique.

"We should employ every modern means of crime detection and then maybe we could fight this thing," he said.

Nothing was said about the old key-hole method.

Police Superintendent Joseph Schuring declined to discuss the radar suggestion. He said his men would continue their non-electronic operations.

Strikers Halt Two Cotton Belt Trains

St. Louis, Sept. 10 —(AP)—A spokesman for the Cotton Belt railroad said early today a crowd of "strikers and sympathizers" halted two of the railroad's south-bound freight trains near the East St. Louis, Ill., railroad yard.

Illinois high patrol headquarters in east St. Louis sent police to the scene and said they found a picket line had been established near the yard by workers who went on strike yesterday against the Missouri Pacific railroad.

Cotton Belt uses Missouri Pacific train No. 5 renounced in St. Louis station in St. Louis more than seven hours after it was scheduled to leave for the south at 11:23 p. m. (EST) last night.

A spokesman for one of the brotherhoods said he did not care to comment until he learned the facts of the situation but added "we're not going to have anything like that."

Largest Flyer

The Condor of the Andes, with wingspread ranging from eight to eight and one-half feet, is the largest bird that flies.

APL to Offer Bonds to Bidders

Washington, Sept. 10 —(AP)—The Arkansas Power and Light company yesterday asked the securities and exchange commission for permission to sell \$8,700,000 of first mortgage bonds at competitive bidding. The bonds are due in 1979. Proceeds of the sale is to be used for construction.

60,000 Reds Start Canton Campaign

By ARTHUR GOUL

Canton, China, Sept. 10 —(UP)—Communist commanders threw 60,000 troops toward Hengyang today in what military observers said might turn out to be the start of a full-scale assault on Canton.

Nationalist forces maneuvered to meet the expected communist onslaught by establishing two new defense lines, one based on Ying-tak, 100 miles north of Canton, and the second at Chaoan, on the coast near Swatow 230 miles east.

The communist regime in Peking announced that Gen. Yen Chien-yung, former mayor of Peking and a top communist general, had been placed in charge of south China for the assault on Canton.

Gen. Yen's appointment led observers to believe the communists expected to capture Canton soon. Yen is best known as an administrator.

Three communist armies reinforced to full strength joined in the area of Chaling, 60 miles east of Hengyang, for the attack on the nationalist bastion 215 miles north of Canton.

Defenses of Hengyang were weakened when nationalist commanders sent some of its crack garrison troops south to defend the railroad line to Canton from guerrilla attack.

Furious fighting was reported from Amoy in the Fujian coast 110 miles north of Swatow and a new defense line at Chaoan. These reports said nationalist planes were bombing the Amoy bridges to check the communist attack into the city.

Observers admitted that there would be little hope for Canton if Hengyang and Amoy should fall to the communists.

All branches of the nationalist government in Canton have been reduced to skeleton staffs since Sept. 1, and no further preparations have been made to transfer the government to Chungking.

Although foreign missions have been making daily inquiries as to a possible date for removal of the government, they were informed as late as yesterday that no decision was in sight.

Share Food Reds Tell Followers

Shanghai, Sept. 10 —(AP)—The Chinese communists, struggling with unemployment and inflation, called on Shanghai's millions to share "let three peoples' rice be shared by five."

The Red Press admitted unemployment is so serious that their rearmament policy in government offices and factories has been suspended. Discharged government workers who can't find jobs will be taken back at a minimum living wage.

In other columns, the Red Press announced communist money is to be printed in \$500 and \$1,000 notes. So far the largest denomination is \$200.

The announcement has an ominous sound to inflation city people Shanghai.

All over this tortured city people asked one another: "Must the Reds resort to printing press money like the nationalists?"

At the time of the communist takeover the American dollar brought 300 red dollars. Today, three and one-half months later, the official rate is \$1 U. S. to 2,700. And dealers claim this is at least 60 per cent too low.

Contract Let for No. 24 in Nevada County

Little Rock, Sept. 10 —(AP)—An engineering survey of Arkansas' road system has been approved by the state highway commission.

The commission voted yesterday to ask the Automotive Safety Foundation of Washington to conduct the study.

Chief Engineer Alf Johnson of the highway department estimated the survey will cost about \$15,000. Contracts awarded included seven miles of grading, minor drainage structures, gravel base, bituminous surface and two concrete and steel bridges on Highway 33-Quacha County line road and Highway 24, in Nevada County to Graves Brothers for \$160,886.

Employment Security Division to Cut off 56 Workers

Little Rock, Sept. 10 —(AP)—Fifty-six employees of the Arkansas employment security division will be cut off the payroll Sept. 15.

Employment Security Administrator Homer M. Atkins yesterday said reason for the layoff is expiration of the veterans readjustment allowance program which has been handled by the agency.

Suit Filed to Contest New Milk Ordinance

Late yesterday James H. Pilkinton, attorney for Bill McClendon, filed another suit in Hempstead chancery court attacking the validity of a new milk ordinance which was passed at a regular meeting of Hope City Council. This action killed a suit attacking an old milk ordinance.

Mr. Pilkinton also said that referendum petitions have been prepared and will be filed and, if event it is upheld by the courts, the new milk ordinance will be submitted to a vote of the people.

Mr. McClendon made the following statement:

"The new milk ordinance passed by the city council last Tuesday night is but another attempt to put me out of business here and to protect the local milk monopoly."

"The new ordinance is an attempt to tax me out of business. It seeks to place fees of approximately \$3,000 per year on me, and the source of my milk supply by placing a tax on all milk which goes through the Borden plant regardless of where it is sold. I am willing to pay a reasonable fee on all milk which I may sell in Hope and I will be glad to comply with all reasonable regulations; however, I do not believe it is reasonable for the city to attempt to tax me on the milk which others sell in Nashville, Tex., or in Magnolia, Lewisville, and other towns."

"I appreciate the fine reception the citizens and merchants have given me in Hope. The city officials have attempted to be rough but the people have been splendid. I have a lawful business and expect to stay here; therefore, I have instructed my attorney to contest the validity of the new ordinance in the courts and a new suit has been filed for that purpose."

BILL MCCLENDON

'Miss Arizona' Likely to Be Miss America

Atlanta City, N. J., Sept. 10 —(AP)—Who is Miss America of 1950? That's the \$25,000 question tonight for 32 of the nation's most beautiful girls.

The contestants, who have come through three grueling days of preliminaries, won't even know whether they've reached the finals until the curtain goes up on the huge Convention hall stage at 8 p. m.

At that time the 15 sweethearts who have already been selected for the showdown will be announced. Some of them have an idea they'll make it. Others, deep in their hearts, know they haven't a chance.

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